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In re Application of: Shigeru KAWANO et al.)
International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016666)
International Filing Date: November 10, 2004) Examiner
Serial No. N/A) Group Art Unit No.
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For NOVEL ACETOACETYL-CoA REDUCTASE)
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING)
OPTICALLY ACTIVE ALCOHOL)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.